Public Office, *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*

THE

PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

OR,

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

SENT

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, APRIL 22, to FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1774. N°. 18.

The DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby save the Lives of many of his Majesty's Subjects by the speedy Detection of Criminals. To check the mischievous Effects of Luxury, and raise an Attention, if possible, to a due Subordination by reasonable Persuasions, conveyed in Essays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authenticated Merits to the Public. To state existing Evils that affect the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public spirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the highest Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the most disinterested Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no possible Gain can arise, except that immense one of deserving well of his Country; it has the fairest Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Assistance of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majesty's well-disposed Subjects.

J. FIELDING.

P. S. All Essays for the Hue and Cry are desired to be directed to Bow-Street.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

WILLIAM HEWINGS, charged with stealing Thirty Pounds from John Bath, of Collier-Row, near Rumford, in Essex. He is a Labourer, about forty Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, pitted a little with the Small-Pox, wear his own greyish Hair, was born at Brentwood, had on a brown fustian frock, lightish cloth Waistcoat, leather Breeches, and flapt Hat; he is a single Man. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Person robbed. Give Notice to the above Office.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

JOHN THURMAN, late of Kirton, in the Parts of Holland, in the County of Lincoln, Farmer, charged on Oath on Suspicion of wilfully setting fire to a Hovel and Waggon, the Property of Thomas Emmerson, of Kirton aforesaid; and also to a Stack or Pile of Wood, the Property of Joseph Blackith, of Frampton, near Boston, in the said County, Grazier. The said John Thurman was born at Horbling, near Falkingham, in the said County, is about thirty-five Years of Age, five Feet nine Inches high, round shouldered, of a fresh Complexion, with some Freckles, has a large Nose, and wears his own straight light-coloured Hair. Five Guineas Reward will be paid to the Person who secures him. Give Notice to Sir John Fielding, or to Doctor Best, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace at Lincoln, or to the said Joseph Blackith.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

A MAN about six Feet six Inches high, twenty-one Years of Age, of a swarthy Complexion, and marked a little with the Small-pox, with black curled Hair; he has a Mark on one Side of his Brow, wide Nostrils, a little out-mouth'd, rather thick Lips, and black Teeth; had on a drab-coloured Coat, a green Cloth Waistcoat with Silver Twist Buttons, a Pair of black Breeches, a Pair of Milk and Water-colour'd rib'd Worsted riding Stockings, and a Pair of double-rim'd Pinchbeck Buckles, with his Shirt ruffled at the Breast, and a cock'd Hat bound about with Velvet, and a Velvet Band round it, is suspected of picking the Pocket of John Hardy, the Hawick Carrier, whilst he was in Bed, at the House of Dorothy Potts, Innkeeper, near Pont Island, in Northumberland, in the Night of the 17th of November, of Two Guineas and Two Half-Guineas in Gold, Thirteen Shillings in Silver, and a Blue Thistle Scotch Bank Note for one Pound. The said Person came to Robert Shotton's, Innkeeper, in Pont Island, early in the Morning following, and went to Bed there a few Hours, and afterwards set out for Durham upon a black Gelding or Mare, with a bob Tail, and had on a half-wide Coat with yellow Buttons. Whoever apprehends the Person above described, is desired to give Notice to Mr. French in Newcastle.

The above described Person was apprehended at the House of Mr. Ellerby, at the Sign of the Globe in South Shields, since the above Advertisement was first published, but made his Escape.

STOLEN from Mr. Thomas Gilman, jun. of Nether Thurvaston in the County of Derby, in the Night of the 23d of April (supposed by a Boy who calls himself Thomas Steel, and had lived there as a Servant about five Weeks, and who was a Native of Cheadle in Staffordshire,) a dark brown Mare, about fourteen Hands high, comes five Years old, with a Star in her Forehead, has a Blemish on the off Foot before, a black Mane and Tail, her Tail has been set, and she carries it pretty much to the right Side; no white upon her Legs, goes remarkably well in all her Paces. He also took with him a Saddle and Bridle with the Mare.

The said Thomas Steel is about eighteen Years of Age, five Feet two Inches high, had on a crimson Bath Coat, scarlet Frize Waistcoat, and Fustian Breeches; had a large Scratch on the right Side of his Nose, lately done; with dark Hair, florid Complexion, and round Face. He also stole a Silver Watch, Maker's Name Richardson, London, No. 16874; also a light coloured Great Coat, of strong common Cloth, a dark brown Coat and Waistcoat of good Cloth, a fine Shirt, a Pair of Boots, the Tops lined with blue Leather, and plated Spurrs, which he most probably wears, as his other crimson Cloaths were shabby.

Whoever apprehends the said Person, so that he may be brought to Justice, shall receive, upon Conviction, Five Guineas Reward from T. Gilman aforesaid.

N. B. The said Thomas Steel's Parents went to Albany in America about three or four Years ago, to one Mr. Turncliff, a Resident there; and it is supposed that he is gone to some of the Ports, to get into that Part of the World.

STOLEN from Brentford, the 2d of March last, a bright Bay Mare, full aged, fourteen Hands and a Half high, Star in her Forehead, black Legs, and cut Tail, is supposed to have foaled since she was stolen. Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner on Conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Jones, facing the Castle at Brentford.

STOLEN about a Fortnight ago from Maltby, in the Parish of Stanton, near Yarm, in Yorkshire, a Bay Mare, eight Years old, fifteen Hands and an half high, a small Star in her Forehead, long sided, no white Feet, swish Tail. Also a Black Mare, five Years old, fifteen Hands high, with a swish Tail, white Face, and white Feet. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Daniel Calvert, at Maltby aforesaid.

STOLEN the 21st of April, about three o'Clock in the Afternoon, out of the Earl of Salisbury's Yard, at Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, a Sorrel or light Chesnut Horse, fifteen Hands three Inches high, seven Years old, his hind Legs are white up to the Hocks, and the off fore Leg is white almost to the Knee; a cut Tail, which he carries high, has a large Blaze down his Face, which bears upon the near Nostril, and has wide Ears. Whoever will give Information to Sir John Fielding, or to Mr. Boor, of Hatfield, where the said Horse may be found, shall receive Five Guineas Reward; or if the said Horse should be offered to be sold, stop him and the Party, and give Notice as above, and you shall receive the same Reward.

STOLEN or strayed, out of a Field near Guildford in Surry, the 16th instant, a bright Bay Mare, of the Saddle Kind, nine Years old, about fourteen Hands three Inches high, a pretty large Blaze down her Face, shews the white of her near Eye much more than in the other, a swish Tail, her near Fetlock behind white, the Hair of her Fetlocks a little rubbed off by wearing a Chain, which she had on when lost; her Shoes marked E in a Star. Three Guineas Reward, and reasonable Charges are offered, if strayed; and if stolen, Ten Guineas, on Conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office, or to William and Henry Parson at Guildford.

ABSCONDED from his Wife and Family the beginning of March last, from Welwyn, in Hertfordshire, Richard Goodwin, by Trade a Carpenter, about forty Years of Age, is about five Feet eight Inches high, of a brown Complexion, black, or very dark brown Hair, his Eye-Brows of the same Colour, a very dark Beard, very good Teeth, black Eyes, and a Roman Nose, was born in Huntingdonshire, has a remarkable way of walking with a kind of a Limp, is round shouldered, stoops, and thinnish made; had on when he went away, a light drab-coloured livery Coat, with a red Lining, button Holes worked red. Whoever will apprehend and secure the said Richard Goodwin, and give Intelligence to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Welwyn, shall receive from the said Church-Wardens and Overseers of the said Parish of Welwyn the Sum of Two Guineas, with reasonable Charges, immediately on his being apprehended and secured, and Intelligence given to the said Church-Wardens and Overseers.

BROKE open last Wednesday Night, Brentford Church, in Middlesex, and stolen, the Crimson Velvet Covering, with two Gold Tassels, and the Gold Lace from a Cushion, a very good Surplice, almost new, with a small Ink Spot on the left Sleeve, a black Prayer Book with silver Clasps, one Clasp broke, another Prayer Book in a black shagreen Cover, with silver Clasps, and a silver Clasp on each side, on which is engraved E C in a double Cypher; on a blank Leaf is a Memorandum of the Death of NELLY COOLEY. Five Guineas Reward are offered by the Church Wardens of Brentford.

WHEREAS the Church of Hungerford, in Berks. was broke open, either in the Night of the 20th or 21st of this Instant April, and a Quantity of Gold Lace and Fringe taken away from the Pulpit Cloth, and also the Communion-Table Cloth, which was old fathioned embroidered, of the Carpet Pattern, a large Rose in the Middle, encompassed with Half Roses, in Shades of red Silks, a Border of Roses round in the same Colours, all greatly faded; and a strong Box, in which was kept the Parish Register, broke open. Whoever will apprehend any Person or Persons concerned in the above Robbery, so that they may be convicted, shall receive the Sum of Ten Guineas, over and above 40l. allowed by Act of Parliament: Any Person concerned in the above Robbery, who will surrender and discover his Accomplices, shall be admitted an Evidence for the Crown, and, on their Conviction entitled to the same Reward.

N. B. As the Robbing of Churches is become very frequent, many of them being at a Distance from any Dwelling-House, it would be advisable to remove Things of Value to the Houses of the Clergymen or Church Wardens.

RUN AWAY the 26th of September last, and left his Wife and Child chargeable to the Parish of St. Peter and St. Mary Westout, in Lewes, Francis Hoad, about six Feet high, very thin, fair Complexion, wears his own lank light-brown Hair, twenty-six Years of Age, born at Lamberhurst in Kent, and by Trade a Bricklayer, he stoops in the Shoulders, and takes a great Quantity of Scotch Snuff. Whoever will give Notice of the above Francis Hoad to the Church Wardens or Overseers of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Mary Westout, that he may be apprehended and secured, shall receive the Sum of Two Guineas, and all reasonable Charges from the aboveaid Church Wardens and Overseers.

BERWICK, 19th April, 1774.

WHEREAS Robert Robinson, late of Newcastle upon Tyne, Clock and Watchmaker, (who was committed to his Majesty's Gaol of Berwick aforesaid for Felony) did, between Friday Night and Saturday Morning last, break the said Gaol, and made his Escape. Notice is therefore hereby given, that Five Guineas Reward will be paid by me John Richardson, Gaoler, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and secure the said Robert Robinson, so as he may be brought to Justice.

The said Robert Robinson is about thirty-five Years of Age, about five Feet nine Inches high, thin made, a long and sharp Nose, fair Complexion, brown Hair, much freckled and pock-marked. He had on when he broke the Gaol, an old raven grey Coat, black Waistcoat Stockings and Breeches, and large yellow Metal Buckles in his Shoes.

To the EDITOR of the PUBLIC HUE AND CRY.

Decipimur Specie Recti. Hor.

SIR,

IT was the observation of a philosophical and very enlightened foreigner——I never, says he, (taking his eye from one he had then in his hand,) read an English News-Paper, but I consider it as a diary of your national deceptibility; you are certainly, in many respects, a wiser and more sagacious people than most in Europe; you are deservedly celebrated for thinking justly, as well as fighting bravely; and yet, continued the Count, from two points of the most especial import, one would imagine the spirit of deception had established his empire in the Island of Britain. This News-Paper, (holding it towards me,) in many a paragraph, and many an advertisement, assures me, that your legislature is convinced, though the natives here every day prove to them the contrary, that death is the greatest of all possible evils, and life the first of all possible blessings; it prescribes and applies the former as an universal remedy for crimes opposite in their nature, and infinitely various in their degree and obliquity; and the patent of your king offers life to his subjects, under the specious form of an hundred high-sounding panaceas; all of which promise to cure diseases as dissimilar from each other as the colours of the rainbow, and to produce effects as different as light and darkness: does it not, my dear Sir, added the Count, shock your sensibility to read, (pointing with his finger to the several passages in the News-Paper,) that two miscreants are here sentenced to be only strangled, for having in the night entered a farm-house, plundered it of all the valuable effects, ravished the farmer's daughter and servant girl, murdered them, the farmer, his wife, and a man servant, and afterwards set fire to the house, by which two little innocent children perished in the flames; and here you have an unfortunate wretch condemned to the same fate, for having broke open the shop of a Cheesemonger, and carried off a single cheese, which, as appeared upon his trial, he immediately conveyed to his miserable wife and family, who were like himself starving with hunger. You read here an account of a villain in the country condemned to die for horse-stealing, which he had practised successfully for several years, having exported some hundred horses to France and Germany, all of which were stolen by him or his accomplices: and here again, of a poor fellow involved in the same fate, for stealing a lamb from a field where it was grazing, which he afterwards had not the heart to kill, but was found by the owner in the possession of his children, who were at play with it: we have here a man executed at Tyburn, upon the statute against privately stealing from any one's person in company with three daring street robbers, who, in the course of the winter had fractured the skulls of near twenty unhappy people, it being their practice first to knock down with bludgeons those they attacked, and afterwards to rifle them of their money and watches: but I will finish my remarks, politely added the Count, (perceiving me touched for the honour of my country,) with only two more examples to the same tendency, which this historical writer of the day affords me: the one is of a lad about eighteen, condemned at one of your assizes, for a forged draught for five pounds, to enable him to dance at an assembly; the other of an Attorney upon the Western Circuit, sentenced to the same punishment for forging the writings of a very considerable estate, which, had the villainy been undetected, would have plunged a most worthy family from a state of ease and affluence, into poverty and ruin. My friend was about to dismiss his News-Paper at this article, when his attention was caught by a long list of tinctures, balsams, pills, lozenges, &c. advertised by the most eminent quacks, which not only promised their patients to lengthen their lives, and prevent the decay of age, but assured them that these preparations would produce in their constitutions the most opposite and contrary effects imaginable. I must confess to you, Mr. Editor, I was not a little glad when this sensible Frenchman, for such he was, had ended his comment; and perceiving him in expectation of some reply, and finding myself utterly at a loss for any better apology for the absurdities and inequities of the capital punishments of this country too fairly pointed out by the Count, I could only observe, (which I fear was not over liberal or well-bred,) that admitting upon the present plan of our capital punishments, instances would be continually arising shocking to humanity; and spec out only as perhaps they were, in the correction of evil, or in the promotion of what was good and right, they at last produced as good effects as the racks, wheels, and red-hot pincers, which prevailed in a neighbouring kingdom; adding, (which I candidly acknowledge was giving up the question at once,) that at the very worst, the French exhibited as strong marks of a nation of deceptibility, in continuing the barbarous and uncertain practice of examining criminals by torture, as the English possibly could in appointing death to be the common punishment of crimes so exceedingly different in their degree of malignity, and so *toto cœlo* opposite in their nature and complexion. EUGENIUS.

Some authenticated Cures by the Medicated Baths, Stoves, and Fumigations of DR. DOMINICETTI *at Chelsea.*

IN the year 1766, a young lady, about twenty-two years of age, in the last stage of a dropsy, after having had the ablest advice this kingdom could afford, and having been sent to Bristol, Bath, and even Ireland, without the least success, was put under my care by her father-in-law, a gentleman of the Faculty; and by the application of moist and dry Fumigations, universal Spirituous Frictions, and Vaporous Baths, she was in the space of three months happily discharged in perfect health, which she has, uninterruptedly, enjoyed from that time to this. The recovery of this lady astonished the gentlemen of the faculty; indeed it was a most extraordinary cure.

Since Christmas a gentleman, about twenty-seven years of age, was suddenly taken with a swelling in his legs, which continued upwards, even to his face, and appeared an alarming dropsical case, spreading over the whole body; but a judicious relation being acquainted with some of the benefits arising from my process, put him under my care, and in five weeks he was perfectly restored to health, which he still enjoys.

I have again published a recent and an old case, to obviate an objection lately made, viz. that these cures might not be radical, but temporary. B. DE DOMINICETTI, M.D.

I HAVE conversed with both these patients; and can, from my own knowledge, assert, that their cases, as represented, are strictly true. I have been frequently in company with the young Lady from the time of her cure to the present; and although the preserving youth and beauty from the untimely hand of death, as was true in her case, might be sufficient in itself to recommend the Doctor's process to encouragement and attention, yet, as I consider it as one of the greatest benefits that has been for many years introduced into this kingdom, and am persuaded that there are, at this time, numbers of persons given up by the faculty, to waste a miserable life in despondency, who might be relieved, if not recovered, by these medicated baths. I sincerely wish, that every man of sense and humanity would examine into their nature, efficacy, and expence, even with severity, as I am sure they would stand the strictest enquiry; but, to prevent prejudice and misrepresentation, let this enquiry be on the spot.——Search the Doctor's books, where you will find the names and places of abode of the patients, and also of the physical persons, who either recommended these patients to his care, or attended them previous to their use of his baths; and by an application to these parties, truth must be established. The diseases in which I have observed these baths to be remarkably beneficial, are colds, rheumatisms, scorbutic habits, external tumours, stiff and relaxed joints, and some dropsical cases.

J. FIELDING.

MONDAY, April 25.

LONDON.

Yesterday the Rev. Dr. Spencer Madan, preached before their Majesties, at the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

The sword of state was carried to and from chapel by the Earl of Oxford.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mansfield, the Duke and Duchess of Queensbury, Duke of Manchester, Duchess of Gordon, and all the Foreign Ministers, were at Court yesterday.

After their Majesties returned from chapel, there was a full court and drawing room at St. James's.

The same day ——— Shaftoe, Esq; and his new married lady, were presented to their Majesties at St. James's.

On Friday Charles Reymond, Esq. of Valentine in Essex, kissed his Majesty's hand on being created a Baronet.

On Friday last their Majesties went to see the pictures at the usual exhibition room in Pall-Mall, were they staid upwards of an hour, and expressed the greatest satisfaction. And

On Saturday the Royal Academicians dined together in the same room previous to their annual Exhibition, which began this day. They were honoured with the company of the following Nobility and Gentry on this occasion: The Marquis of Carmarthen, Earl of Offory, Earl of Bessborough, Earl Seaforth, Lord Milbourn, Lord Trevor, Lord Le Despencer, Lord Palmerston, Sir John Pringle, Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Hon. Thomas Walpole, Hon. Capt. Barrington, Sir William Chambers, Gen. De Paoli, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Mr. Garrick, Mr. Colman, Edmund Burke, Esq. ——— Beauclerk, Esq. Lord Lisbourne, Dean of Derry, Mr. Bunbury, ——— Duane, Esq. Samuel Foote, Esq. Mr. Weddel, Dr. Franklin, &c. &c. When many loyal and constitutional toasts were drank, and the evening concluded with the greatest harmony and satisfaction to all parties.

This exhibition is said to be the best since the institution of the Royal Academy.

On Friday the Committee of a Great Assembly on the Turnpike Roads examined evidence on the petition for suppressing weighing engines, and were unanimous in opinion, that the present laws requiring such engines for the purpose of weighing carts, waggons, &c. and the restrictions therein contained, are a great burthen upon trade in general; and the penalties thereby incurred for over-weight, an imposition on an useful and industrious part of the community. Mr. Burke, with his usual eloquence, clearly and distinctly painted the evil consequences and tendency of the bill made last sessions, and the necessity of an immediate repeal or amendment, besides several other Honourable Members in the Committee.

Leave is given to bring in a bill for the further and better regulation of buildings and party-walls, and for the more effectually preventing mischiefs by fire, within the cities of London and Westminster, the liberties thereof, and other places within the Bills of Mortality, the parishes of St. Mary-le-bone, Paddington, St. Pancras, and St. Luke at Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex.

TUESDAY, April 26.

LONDON.

We learn from Copenhagen that they have established there an office of insurance for the horned cattle in that kingdom. The insured are to pay a small sum per head for all their cattle annually, and are to receive ten crowns for each that shall die of the distemper. As that country is at present entirely free from infection, it is thought a confiderable sum will be paid in, which may enable the receivers to answer any calls in future, if the distemper should again appear in that country.

The Spanish Fleet, that arrived safe at Cadiz the 11th and 18th of last month from La Vera Cruiz and the Havannah, is immensely valuable. The value of it on the King's and merchant's account in silver, amounts to 22,329,35 crowns; and reckoning in the other valuable merchandize brought over with them, they amount to 29,319,436 crowns.

Yesterday arrived a mail from Lisbon, brought by the Duke of York packet-boat, Captain Dickinson.

Dr. York, it is said, is to hold the Deanry of Lincoln, *in commendam*, with the Bishoprick of St. David's.

Yesterday morning the workmen began to pull down the shops at St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet-street.

Sunday morning a terrible fire broke out in the warehouses of Mrs. Colville, hemp-factor, at Rotherhithe, which burnt down a whole range of buildings, 40 feet long. The damage is computed at 2500l.

The ground is marked out, and posts are fixing for determining the ſtreet from Blackfriars-bridge to Ludgate-ſtreet, which is to be formed in a direct line, leaving Apothecaries-Hall cloſe on the right hand; this work being intended to be carried into execution, a number of houſeholders are warned out, and the uninhabited parts are ordered to be levelled immediately.

WEDNESDAY, April 27.

LONDON.

Yeſterday the Duke of Argyle ſet off from his houſe in Argyle Buildings for Scotland, to review the regiments there.

The following is an example of diſintereſtedneſs which ought never to be forgotten, it being very ſeldom ſuch things happen. The Corſicans having learned that the King of France had reſolved to ſend a Governor to that iſland, petitioned his Majeſty to appoint the Marquis of Monteynard, who was ſecretary of war, to that office. This petition has been complied with, and an annual ſalary of 70,000 livres annexed to it. The marquis on his part, on accepting the government, requeſted the King to reduce it to 30,000 livres. His Majeſty touched with this diſintereſtedneſs, has honoured this valuable man with his confidence, and has conſented to his holding with it the government of Sarre Louis, which he has been in poſſeſſion of ſome time, and which is worth 20,000 livres a year.

The following affair has lately happened in Lorrain, which cauſes much talk there: A young man, a native of Luneville, ſon to a maſon there, left that place privately ſome years ſince. About the ſame time, another young fellow, of Epinal, a maſon likewiſe, but who had been married, diſappeared as the former had done. No intelligence was had of either, till lately one returned to Luneville, and demanded his ſhare of the effects left by his late father, who died rich. The other children, who have divided the effects among them, refuſe to acknowledge him as their brother, and inſiſt that he is the perſon who left Epinal. He has been ſent to the latter place, where ſeveral perſons believe him to be the perſon who left Epinal, and the woman to whom the young man was married, who left Epinal, inſiſts he is her huſband, and ſays ſhe knows him by ſome marks on his ſkin, which ſhe pointed out. Notwithſtanding this, he invariably ſtands it out that he is perſon that left Luneville, and great numbers credit his aſſertion. The Judges, however, before they pronounce judgment in the matter, have ordered information to be taken in thoſe places where he ſays he has been during his abſence, and particularly in that were he contracted marriage.

Monday there was a very full Board of the Commiſſioners of the Navy, held at the Clerk of the Cheques houſe in Deptford Dock-yard. They ſurveyed all the men of war now lying at that port, particularly the royal yachts, all of which are now undergoing a thorough repair. They alſo went on board the new ſhip called the Cumberland, which is rigging, and is ordered round to Portſmouth.

The four men of war now fitting out at Woolwich are certainly deſtined to compoſe a ſquadron of obſervation in the Baltic ſea to cruize there all the ſummer. Two frigates and a ſloop are alſo fitting out at the ſame port, the former are for a cruize in the Iriſh Channel, the latter is to be ſtationed off Gibraltar Gutt, to give the earlieſt intelligence of any ſhips entering the Mediterranean from Europe.

A motion was made on Monday in the Court of King's Bench, for a writ of Mandamus to compel the Sheriff of Newcaſtle upon Tyne to receive and determine in his County Court, ſome plaints in civil actions, for debts under 40s. which he had refuſed to take cognizance of, there having been no proceedings of that kind in the County Court for above a century paſt, all actions for ſmall debts ariſing there, having of late years been either brought in the Corporation Courts of Record, or in the Court of Conſcience for that place; but as the juriſdiction of the ancient County Court did not appear to have been taken away by the Charters, &c. under which the modern Courts are held, the Court of King's Bench granted the Mandamus as prayed.

We hear that the little ſhops built againſt the yard wall of Leiceſter-houſe are ſoon to be pulled down, as thoſe formerly againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleet-ſtreet now are.

Extract of a letter from Trichinopoly in the East-Indies.

"The following melancholy accident happened at the ſiege of Tanjour:—William Campbell, Eſq. from Edinburgh, accompanied by his brother and another officer, having gone beyond the lines, to reconnoitre the enemy's works, were called to by one of our centinels (a ſeapoy); Mr. Campbell made an anſwer which was not underſtood by the centinel, who immediately ſhot him dead upon the ſpot."

Extract of a Letter from Goſport, April 25.

"Since my laſt, of yeſterday's date, an expreſs is arrived with an account of the Preſton and Lively frigates arrival at Plymouth, and that the latter did ſail from thence on Saturday laſt, with General Gage on board, who is appointed Governor of Maſſachuſet's Bay.

"Laſt night arrived here, from London, Rear-Admiral Gayton; and he this morning hoiſted his flag on board the Antelope, and was ſaluted by every ſhip throughout the fleet. The Admiral is determined to proceed on his voyage to Jamaica on Thurſday next, if the wind permits."

Extract of a Letter from Portſmouth, April 13.

"Arrived the Ocean, Wentworth, and the Sea Venture tranſports, from the Downs; they are ſince gone up Southampton River, to take on board the fourth regiment for North America.

"The tranſports with the third regiment, which embarked here, got under ſail yeſterday for Boſton; but the wind coming round againſt them, they could proceed no farther than St. Helen's, where they now remain. The Nautilus ſloop of war, Capt. Parker, bound to Newfoundland, is likewiſe detained there by contrary winds.

THURSDAY, April 28.

LONDON.

This morning, between eleven and twelve o'clock, Mr. Groſe and Mr. Adair were called to the degree of Serjeants at Law in the Court of Common Pleas, and went through the uſual ceremony of "I ſpy a Brother, &c."

The workmen have begun to prepare a temporary ſcreen to be placed acroſs Guildhall-yard on the days of publick elections; or when any Common-hall ſhall be held, to prevent all ſuch as are not Liverymen going in. There are thirty-five doors; on each of the doors is to be affixed the name of the company that is to enter there; and a Beadle out of each Livery Company to be placed, to prevent any perſons going in except the Liverymen of his company. The door or hatch is ſo contrived, as to admit only one perſon at a time.

Yeſterday morning a ſharper well dreſſed went into the Fleet market to buy a joint of meat, and while the miſtreſs of the ſhop (Mrs. Jannett) was chopping the bones he cut off her pocket, in which was a bank note of 10l. ſeven guineas, and ſome ſilver: he was purſued through the market, Holborn, and Hatton Garden, but got clear off.

Laſt night as a poor old deaf woman was carrying a bundle of ſtraw upon her back through St. Giles's, ſome miſchievous boys ſet fire to the ſtraw, which catching hold of the poor creature's clothes, burnt her in a terrible manner.

A gentleman who lately came from Italy, ſhot himſelf at his lodgings on Tower-hill, early this morning, owing it is ſaid to ſome loſſes at the gaming table.

His Majeſty's free pardon hath been granted to Robert Sheppard, who at the laſt Old Bailey ſeſſion was convicted to be tranſported for ſtealing a pair of ſtockings, five ſhirts, and other things, the property of Robert Nicholls.

A few mornings ago, as a baker in Brompton was fetching ſome wood out of his yard, a cat flew from the ſtack, and faſtened upon his arm, which was naked, according to the cuſtom of his buſineſs; after being miſerably torn, and diſengaging the creature, ſhe flew to his other arm, and faſtened upon it with greater violence, ſo that he was obliged to call for aſſiſtance to kill the animal before he could get rid of her. The poor man is terribly wounded in both his arms, and his thumb bit to the bone; and what is ſtill more dreadful, they apprehend the cat to have been mad, for whoſe venom there is ſuppoſed to be no cure.

Committed from the Public Office, in Bow-ſtreet during the laſt week.

Ann Bell, for ſtealing fourteen handkerchiefs, the property of William Williams; John Eaſt, for ſtealing ſhirts and other linnen, the property of Edward Willoughby, and Sarah Eaſt for feloniouſly receiving the ſame, knowing them to be ſtolen; John Yardley, for defrauding John Eſſex and Serjeant Silk of different ſums of money under falſe pretences; Ann Corte and Suſannah Atkinſon, for ſtealing linnen and apparel, the property of William Draper and Francis Hayes.

Committed during the courſe of laſt week,

To Shrewſbury Gaol, Richard Watſon, a Shropſhire man, for felony; Thomas Jones, a Shropſhire man, for ſtealing a cow; William Lawrence, a Shropſhire man, for ſheep-ſtealing; Dixty Hollington and William Bradfield, both of Bridgenorth, for a ſtreet-robbery there; John Parry, William Roberts, and William Williams, for plundering a wrecked veſſel on the coaſt of Angleſea; John Bird, for felony, and Benjamin Ree for receiving the goods, knowing them to be ſtolen.

To Oxford Caſtle, Frances Sawyer, for felony, and Mary Sawyer, her daughter, for receiving the goods, knowing them to be ſtolen; both born at Oxford; Frances is aged fifty-three, and Mary thirty-ſix.

To Lincoln Caſtle, Thomas Blackburn and Elizabeth Bee, for felony; Blackburn is a Taylor, was born at Luſhington, aged thirty, five feet ſeven inches high, has loſt the little finger of his left hand; Elizabeth Bee was born at Wilsforth.

To Wincheſter Gaol, John Bendell, for ſheep-ſtealing, aged thirty-ſix, five feet three inches high, born at Monkſton, a labourer; and James Oliver, for felony, aged twenty-three, five feet five inches high, born at Mitcheldever.

To York Caſtle, Joſeph Robinſon, for burglary, a labourer, born at Little Burton, Cumberland, aged thirty, five feet nine inches high, Joſeph Smith and John Bowcock, for tenter cutting, both woolcombers, and live at Haworth in Yorkſhire; Smith is aged forty-two, five feet eight inches high, has been a ſoldier; Berwick is aged forty, five feet ſeven inches high. Richard Parkett, for houſebreaking; he is young, and lived at Haddleſey in Yorkſhire.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and deſcriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it muſt be the means of recovering many priſoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have eſcaped; and if the Poſt-Maſters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Poſt-Maſter General, in ſending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the beſt deſcription of the offenders, the whole ſtate of criminal matters that ariſe within the courſe of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiſer, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silverſmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horſe Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving ſtolen goods or horſes; for as it is natural for offenders who eſcape juſtice in the country to fly towards London for ſhelter, ſuch occurrences, together with thoſe that ariſe in town, are advertiſed in theſe two daily papers; and as it is alſo as common for offenders, who eſcape juſtice in this metropolis, to fly into the country for ſhelter, theſe occurrences are conſtantly advertiſed in the HUE and CRY: by theſe reciprocal methods eſcapes muſt be rendered difficult, the evil-diſpoſed deterred from involving themſelves and families in diſtreſs; the number of capital offenders leſſened, and the lives of many of his Majeſty's ſubjects thereby happily ſaved, to the joy of humanity, and the honour of civil policy.

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